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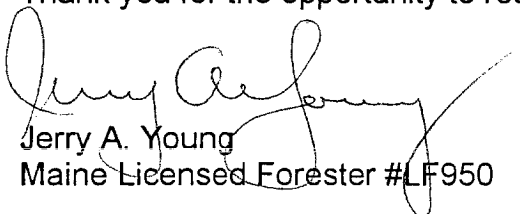
I am writing to support changes to the NEPA. The changes will bring some badly needed reform to the process of managing the sustainable timber resource on the White Mountain National Forest and prevent unnecessary delays by groups whose goal is to prevent sound forest management.

Modify NEPA, to limit the number of alternative projects land managers must prepare to no more than two.

Within NEPA and the regulations resulting from it establish criteria for becoming an interested party. NEPA and its associated regulations must also contain filing dates that require an interested party to express all their concerns with a project up front during the public comment period.

These changes will combat some of the abuses by special interest groups used to shut down harvesting and permit a return to sound forest policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond,



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